

October 16, 2016
The Twenty-second
Sunday



St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School

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Our St. Patrick's Mission Statement:

"To love and obey God, to love each other and others and to let our light shine from this holy hill."

All are welcome to join us each and every Sunday morning for worship and to receive communion.

Rite I Worship Service: 8:00 AM

Rite II Worship Service: 10:15 with Choir & Sunday School

At St. Patrick's

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Priest The Rev. George Daisa

Sr. Warden Anna Merriman

Jr. Warden Paul Teagle

Music Director Dr. Eric Kinsley

Children's Ministry Director

Youth Ministry Director

Financial Administrator

Parish Administrator

St. Patrick's Postulant

Patty Buffaloe

Robert Galletly

Kathryn Walters

Janet Enriquez

KC Robertson

Church office hours: Monday—Thurs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**The Altar Flowers
are Dedicated to the
Glory of God and in Honor
of Geoff, Heather, Kevin, Beth,
Lanarra and Karisma in
Celebration of their Birthdays**

A Message From Your Priest

This week I am contemplating prayer. In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus admonishes us, through his disciples, to pray to God constantly, with persistence, steadfastness and endurance. Stanley Grenz, in his short but power-packed book, *Prayer: The Cry for the Kingdom*, describes this commitment to living, breathing prayer as the means by which we discover God's will for us, discerning what God may be saying to us as we endure in prayer, and finally, discerning how we might bend our will and volition to God's will for us and for the world. Prayer, then, is a long conversation or dialogue, where we practice relationship; relationship with God. Jesus admonishes us to have a relationship with the Father, or the Mother, if you like. He says to us, "Ask...seek...knock" (Luke 11:9). Grenz points out that the writer's use of the imperative here is to suggest continuous action, not just a one-time occurrence. "Keep on asking and it will be given to you. Keep on seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you," (Grenz' paraphrase).

I have found in my own 'prayer life' – that is, my everyday life – that if I pray continually, without ceasing, enduring in an attitude of faith and gratitude to God for the sorting out of my needs, my anxiety and fears, my confusion and my wonder, I can authentically anticipate a *real answer from God*. For, as Jesus goes on in this week's Gospel, if we ask for what we need, "how much more will God give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?" So, the question for me this week is this: Am I asking for the right things when I pray? Who's will do I ask to be done? And, whatever I ask for, is there anything better for me or for the world than to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Practicing the *Attitude of Gratitude!*

(The Rev.) George Daisa



Sunday Service Participants

8:00

**Lector
Crucifer
Acolytes**

Martha Stewart

LEMs

Anna Merriman

Ushers

Joe & Joan Maskrey

10:15

Bob Wichmann
Morgan O'Connor
Kaitlyn Coskun
Robert Svitek
Cindy Weaver
Travis Tokuyama
Greg Gerardis,
Ken Cox,
Doug Holmes,
John & Marilyn
Chavez,

Bernie Honey

Altar Guild Team D

Coffee Hosts 8:00 Fred Blaich & Judy Malamis

10:15 Grace Robinson



Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) with a floral dedication.

Sign up on the flower chart at the back of church. The suggested donation is \$40. Checks to St. Patrick's Altar Guild with 'altar flowers' in the memo may be placed in the offertory plate.

For Those We Love

Kaitlyn, Kym, Bill Bitting, Kelly Campbell, Karen Frazier, Deane Funk, Joan Funk, Rosemary Licata, Marie Manos, Vincenzo McFadden, Jasmine Novick, Bibi O'Neill, Linda Read, Mary Ann and Thelma Schafer

KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul

Priscilla Ahern, Tom Appleford, Judy Dettre, Walda Gorian, Jack Kinsley, Jason Newman, Michael Newton, Stephanie Trujillo and Jeryd David Zaccardo

Family Ministry

Sunday School

Care for preschool children aged 2 1/2 to kindergarten is available in the sacristy wing. K-5th grade children are welcome to our Sunday school program each Sunday morning. Children gather in church at the start of the 10:15 worship and process to their classes.

Youth Group

Please contact Robert Galletly at 805-807-5635 for information regarding youth group.

**Jeremiah 31: 27-34 Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 Luke 18: 1-8**
www.lectionarypage.net

Announcements

The 2017 Pledge Campaign is Here!

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2017, and return your pledge card on or before October 30, at our Pledge Card Ingathering at both services.

We will gather in *one service* on Sunday, November 6, at 9:00 am to celebrate

All Saints' Sunday

when we will bless the offerings of our time, talent and treasure for the work of God in and through St. Patrick's.

Calling All Liturgical Ministers!

Liturgical Ministers Training Day:

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Have you spent the last four weeks wondering what Fr. George's liturgical style might be; wondering whether you should begin the Nicene Creed or will he; or if you've wanted to push him right out of the way when he walks so slowly to the Altar, this training day will be your chance to get clarity!

If you serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Usher at St. Patrick's, or if you've ever wanted to serve in one of these roles, please join Fr. George for Liturgical Minister's Training. Questions? Contact Fr. George at gdaisa@stpatschurch.org.

Acolyte Service at St. Pat's

This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to get involved, serve God, take on a leadership role at church, and learn more about what happens during the worship service. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to become acolytes. Each acolyte serves approximately once a month based on their availability.

Please consider this ministry for your child. This is also a great way to earn service hours and have an outstanding leadership role to discuss on college applications. For more information and to become an acolyte, please contact Kathryn Walters at kkwalters.cpa@gmail.com.

Homeless Dinner Program

St. Patrick's will host the homeless dinner program Sunday, Oct 30. Parishioners are asked to support this outreach and bring an entrée, salad, side or dessert that feeds 10-12 people to church by 5:30 p.m. Thank you as always for your participation and support.

Prayers Following Hurricane Matthew

Please continue to pray for all affected by Hurricane Matthew: for those who died, for those facing growing illnesses, those without homes and basic needs, for the families and friends of lost loved ones, and for the first responders now working throughout the Caribbean and the East Coast of the United States.

Wednesday Healing Service

Join Fr. George on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Holy Eucharist, healing prayers and anointing.

On Sunday, Nov. 6th we will have a
single worship service at 9:00 a.m.

in observance of All Saints' Day.

Bob Bland and the missionaries will give a presentation on their recent mission trip to Uganda.



Outreach

Homeless Dinner Program

The Homeless Dinner Program serves meals here in Hager Hall on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM through the end of November. See Bob or Shirley Bland for details.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

Visit conejocompassion.org or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for more information.

Manna

Bring your donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items on Sundays to the baskets in the front of church.

Mad Attic Thrift Shop

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Contact Mary Ann Palmquist or Ruthanne England for info or to volunteer. 805-497-1990. Please do not leave items in the front of the church.

The Order of St. Patrick's

Our OSP ministers provide love and connection in times of need. OSP makes phone calls to those who are ill or shut-in to check in and remind them of our prayers and care. If you wish to join OSP, please call Jill Murch at 805-498-2616. If you know of anyone in need of a call, please call the church office.

Studies & Groups

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See Anne Van Cott for info on the St. Patrick's Ladies Group.

Bible Study

The Wed. Night Bible Study Group meets Wed. evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For information, see Bob Bland.

Sunday Bible Discussion

Sunday Bible Study meets from about noon to 1:00 following the 10:15 service for a review of the books of the Bible. We started with Genesis and are now doing the Minor Prophets. We will start the New Testament soon. All are invited! Please contact Bob Wichmann for more information.

The Day School

Contact the Parish Day School at
805-497-1416 or
www.stpatricksdayschool.org